

(b) The areas brought under mulberry plantation during the last three years are as under:-

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Krishna</i>	<i>Districts West Godavari (in Acres)</i>
1	2	3	5
1	1988-89	1486	1496
2	1989-90	2231	1916
3	1990-91	2785	2389

(c) The following programmes are being implemented to promote sericulture:-

1. Training to farmers through Farmers Training Centres.
2. Farmers meets and study tours.
3. Supply of disease free silkworm eggs.
4. Technical guidance through Technical Service Centres.
5. Marketing facilities through regular Cocoons Markets in the State and Departmental Silk Reeling Units which are notified as markets.

(d) and (e). Silk Reeling Units have already been established at the following places in these Districts:-

- (i) Vijayawada—Krishna District
- (ii) Talaprole—Krishna District
- (iii) Hanuman Junction—Krishna District
- (iv) Vijayarai—West Godavari District
- (v) K. R. Puram—West Godavari District

Development of Paradip Port

5193. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up any plan for the development and deepening of the Paradip Port to accommodate 1,70,000 DWT bulk carriers for increased export of iron ore;

(b) if so, the amount earmarked therefor;

(c) whether the entire work would be completed by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d). A proposal for development of port facilities for handling 6 million tonnes of iron ore export through Paradip Port at an estimated cost of about Rs. 420 crores is under consideration of the Government. The project is expected to be completed within 36 months from the date of sanction.